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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Cross reference to related applications

This application is related to two co-pending US patent applications, one of which shares a common filing date with the present application. Additionally, the inventor of the present application is identified as the inventor in the common filing date application. The Examiner was informed regarding this related application in the IDS dated November 19, 2003. The other application is the application which matured into the Anderson patent cited by the Examiner. The introductory portion of this application is amended to mention these two related applications.

Rejection of claim 14 based in 35 USC § 101

Claim 14 has been amended to recite "computer readable media" which should overcome this rejection.

The Rejection of Claims 1-2, 5-8 and 12-14 based Anderson

Claims Claims 1-2, 5-8 and 12-14 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Anderson (US Patent 6,646,758).

Independent claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 have been amended so that they are no longer anticipated by Anderson. Anderson teaches a manual reconfiguration scheme wherein the use is prompted to provide a desired media in the print tray, et cetera. Please see the discussion, cited by the Examiner, at column 9, lines 11-22 of Anderson. Note the amendments made to Claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 with respect to the word "automatically" added thereto.

Since Anderson is not available to the Examiner for making an obviousness rejection (see the discussion below_ this is all that is needed to overcome Anderson.

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Statement regarding common ownership.

The present application and Anderson, cited by the Examiner, were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person. In support, a copy of the assignment document filed in respect of this application is enclosed. The Examiner will note that according to the assignment document, the present application is assigned to Hewlett-Packard Development Company and that Anderson is likewise owned by Hewlett-Packard Development Company.

The Rejection of Claims 3-4 9-11 under 35 USC 103 based Anderson

The Examiner is not entitled to use Anderson for a rejection under 35

USC § 103. Please see 35 USC § 103(c) and MPEP 706.02(l)(2).

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2125. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2125.

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